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Deaths in Police custody in Delhi

1324. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died in police custody in Delhi during the last three months;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard: and

(c) if so, the action taken against officials found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) One person died in police custody during last three months.

(b) and (c) Inquest proceedings have been initiated under section 176 Cr. P.C. A Constable has been placed under suspension.

Post offices in Santhal Pargana-Chhota Nagpur in Bihar

1325. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in Santhal Paragana-Chhota Nagpur commissionary in Bihar functioning in rented houses; and

(b) the details of annual expenditure being incurred thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of Post Offices in Santhal Pargana-Chhota Nagpur Commissionary in Bihar functioning in rented buildings is 334.

(b) The total annual expenditure on rent of these buildings is Rs. 11,22,904/- (Rs. eleven lakhs twenty two thousand nine hundred and four).

[*English*]

Scheme for amelioration of Jute Growing Farmers

1326. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government for the amelioration of jute growing farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Government of India is already implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Special Jute Development Programme (SJDP) in all the important Jute/Mesta growing States of the country. Under the scheme, Central assistance is provided to the State for distribution of quality seed, farm implements, plant protection chemicals and equipments, soil ameliorants, essential nutrients, minikits and fungal culture to farmers at subsidised rate. Assistance is also provided to the farmers for construction of retting tanks and training. Besides, demonstrations are organised on farmers field to induce the farmers to adopt new technology of jute cultivation.

[*Translation*]

Scholarships to foreign students for Studies in India

1327. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign students being nominated and granted scholarships by the Government for undergoing studies in India, country-wise; and

(b) the number of such students from Nepal, Sri Lanka and other